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First Meeting of the Mid-term Review process
Geneva, 28 January 2002

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. Review of the efficiency and functioning of the intergovernmental machinery

3. Stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the commitments and work programme agreed to in the Bangkok Plan of Action

4. Preparations for the interactive debates and policy dialogue in the context of opportunities and challenges of new policy developments of importance since UNCTAD X

5. Other business

6. Adoption of the report

II. Annotations

1. At its forty-eighth session, in October 2001, the Board approved the basic modalities of the Mid-term Review process, as outlined in document TD/B/48/CRP.1, that is to say three interrelated but distinct pillars, namely: (i) a review of the efficiency and functioning of the intergovernmental machinery; (ii) stocktaking in

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respect of the implementation of the commitments and work programme agreed to in the Bangkok Plan of Action (TD/386); and (iii) interactive debates and policy dialogue in the context of opportunities and challenges of new policy developments of importance since UNCTAD X.

2. The Board further agreed that three Vice-Presidents would assist the President in the preparatory work for the Mid-term Review, as follows: on the intergovernmental machinery – Mr. Federico Alberto Cuello Camilo (Dominican Republic); on the stocktaking of the implementation of the work programme based on indicators of achievements – Mrs. Eleanor M. Fuller (United Kingdom); on the interactive debates and policy dialogue in the context of opportunities and challenges of new policy developments of importance since UNCTAD X – Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul (Thailand). The two Vice-Presidents in charge of the intergovernmental machinery and stocktaking would make every effort to conclude their work prior to the Mid-term Review in Bangkok.

Item 1.Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. A provisional programme is attached.

Item 2. Review of the efficiency and functioning of the intergovernmental machinery

4. Under this item, Mr. Federico Alberto Cuello Camilo (Dominican Republic) will report on the progress made during his informal consultations, and delegations will be invited to table proposals for consideration by the Meeting.

Item 3. Stocktaking in respect of the implementation of the commitments and work programme agreed to in the Bangkok Plan of Action

5. Under this item, Mrs. Eleanor M. Fuller (United Kingdom) will introduce the item, and delegations will be invited to proceed with an examination of work during the biennium 2000-2001 on the basis of document TD/B(S-XIX)/L.1).

Item 4. Interactive debates and policy dialogue in the context of opportunities and challenges of new policy developments of importance since UNCTAD X

6. Under this item, Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul (Thailand) will present suggestions on the programme for the Mid-term Review in Bangkok with a view to reaching agreement on the principal elements.

Item 5. Other business

Item 6. Adoption of the report

Annex

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

	a.m.	p.m.
Monday	Opening plenary + inter-governmental machinery	Intergovernmental machinery
Tuesday	Intergovernmental machinery	Intergovernmental machinery
Wednesday	Stocktaking (general statements)	Stocktaking (programme by programme review)
Thursday	Stocktaking (programme by programme review)	Stocktaking (programme by programme review)
Friday	Stocktaking (programme by programme review)	Bangkok programme + closing plenary